

## Legal Notice

Proposed Partial Bond Release for ES Stone and Structure, Located in Wheatland County, MT.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request for bond release for ES Stone and Structure (ES Stone). ES Stone is authorized to operate a multi-site hard rock mine for decorative stone and rock products under Operating Permit No. 00163. ES Stone has requested partial bond release at Site #6. The site is located on private lands in Sections 34 & 35 of Township 8 North, Range 15 East, and Sections 02 & 03 of Township 7 North, Range 15 East, approximately 1 mile south of Harlowton in Wheatland County.

DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$463,610. DEQ is proposing to release \$16,080 and retain \$447,530. The decrease in the bond amount is due to partial completion of reclamation performed by the operator, which includes grading of the waste rock pile at Site #6.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. Requests for a hearing or comments on the proposed bond release must be submitted to DEQ by August 9, 2022, and sent to Eric Dahlgren, Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Section, Mining Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or to [edahlgren@mt.gov](mailto:edahlgren@mt.gov).

Requests for copies of the bond calculation associated with the proposed release and any related questions should be directed to Eric Dahlgren, Hard Rock Mining Section Supervisor, Mining Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, by telephone at (406) 444-5245 or by e-mail at [edahlgren@mt.gov](mailto:edahlgren@mt.gov).